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1. CHINA

UPI (HK) REPORTS NCNA REVELATIONS BY MEMBERS OF MAO BODY-GUARD THAT CHAIRMAN WAS FRUGAL/SELF-SACRIFICING WORKER FOR IDEALS OF COMMUNISM. ARTICLE SAID MAO WORKED/STUDIED LONG HOURS, OFTEN WITHOUT FOOD; DURING PERIOD OF ECON TROUBLES, MAO STOPPED EATING MEAT/DRINKING TEA FOR THREE YEARS, REPEATEDLY REFUSED HAVE RUN-DOWN HOUSE REPAIRED, OR SHIRTS/SHOES REPLACED WHICH HE HAD WORN THIN AFTER
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MANY YEARS USE (CHITRIB, NYT).

ACCORDING HK TRADE SOURCES, PRC IS SELLING COLONY ABOUT 20 PCT MORE OIL THAN YEAR AGO; VALUE IN FIRST SIX

MONTHS THIS YEAR WAS 25.2 MILLION DOLS, COMPARED WITH 21 MILLION IN FIRST HALF 1975 (WP).

MME CKS LEFT JOHNS HOPKINS WEDNESDAY AFTER MORE THAN WEEK OF "ROUTINE CHECKUP AND DIAGNOSTIC TESTS" UNDER RIGID SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. HOSPITAL WOULD ONLY CONFIRM SHE HAD BEEN PATIENT AFTER DOZENS EMPLOYEES SAW HER DEPART AMID BEVY LIMOUSINES/SECURITY GUARDS AND AFTER ROC NY CG OFFICE HAD DISCLOSED HER BALT MEDICAL VISIT; SAID SHE HAS ULCERS (SUN).

2. INDOCHINA

OVER STRONG US OBJECTIONS, 128-MEMBER IMF VOTES MEMBERSHIP FOR VN; US VIEW WAS THAT MEMBERSHIP VN "PREMATURE" (WSJ; AP PHINQ, WP).

3. KOREA

UNC SAYS ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TAKEN FOR IMPLEMENTAION NEW SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT PANMUMJOM TRUCE VILLAGE. BOTH SIDES PLACED MARKERS SHOWING MIL BOUNDERIES, NK REMOVED 4 GUARDPOSTS LOCATED IN UN SECTOR (UPI, WP).

FIRST MERCHANT BANK LAUNCHED IN SK; UK BANK HAS HALF-INTEREST, WITH REMAINDER BY 5 KOREAN ENTERPRISES. NEW BANK WILL ARRANGE FOREIGN LOANS, DO SHORT-TERM BUSINESS FINANCING, UNDERWRITE NEW STOCK ISSUES, MANAGE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (JOC). SAMSUNG HEAVY INDUSTRIES, WITH 20-PCT JAPANESE INTEREST, PLANS BEGIN CONSTRUCTION 104-MILLION-DOL MACHINERY PLANT TO MAKE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, THERMAL POWER PLANT BOILERS, DESALTING/DISTILLATION PLANT EQUIPMEN OTHER MAJOR ITEMS (AP, WSJ).

WP AGAIN CARRIES FULL-PG AD FOR SEPT 18 "GOD BLESS AMERICA FESTIVAL," FEATURING MANY FACES OF REV MOON. BROZEN (NYT) INTERVIEWS PARENTS OF MOONIES WHO APPROVE UNCLASSIFIED

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4. PHILIPPINES

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CHARGED WEDNESDAY THAT GOP IS GUILTY OF "TORTURE USED FREQUENTLY AND WITH EXTREME CRUELTY" TOWARD MARTIAL LAW DETAINEES -- BUT SAID GOVT HAS TAKEN STEPS ELIMINATE PRACTICE. CLAIMED SAID SINCE MARTIAL LAW DECLARED, COUNTRY HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED FROM ONE WITH REMARKABLE CONSTITUTIONAL TRADITION TO "SYSTEM WHERE STAR-CHAMBER METHODS HAVE BEEN USED" ON WIDE SCALE, LITERALLY TO TORTURE EVIDENCE INTO EXISTENCE. ADDED THAT GOP, FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT OF STEPS TO PREVENT

TORTURE, HAS "CLEARLY GONE SOME WAY" TOWARD IMPLEMENTING AI RECOMMENDATIONS (UPI, WP).

MANILA RUSHING HOTEL CONSTRUCTION TO ACCOMMODATE UP TO 5,000 OF WORLD'S MOST INFLUENTIAL BANKERS DUE LATER THIS MONTH AND IN EARLY OCT FOR JOINT ANNUAL MEETING WORLD BANK/IMF. ACCORDING WSJ'S HERMAN, IN MANILA, EVEN IF ENOUGH ROOMS FINISHED ON TIME, HOTEL INDUSTRY'S PROBLEMS WILL BE ONLY JUST BEGINNING -- FOR FAR OVERSHADOWING IMMEDIATE CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE ROOM SHORTAGE IS LONGER-RANGE QUESTION OF WHO WILL FILL ALL NEW ROOMS ONCE BANKERS LEAVE. AT MOMENT, 13 MAJOR NEW HOTELS, MOSTLY DELUXE OR FIRST-CLASS, ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR NEARING COMPLETION, AND SEVERAL OTHERS UNDERGOING EXTENSIVE RENOVATION/EXPANSION. LAGGING TOURISM LIES AT HEART OF PROSPECTIVE ROOM GLUT; MAIN REASON WAS 36 PCT DECLINE IN NUMBER JAPANESE TOURISTS. ONE OBSTACLE TO MORE TOURIST IS LIMITED NUMBER FLIGHTS TO MANILA.

5. MALAYSIA

GOM-OWNED MALAYSIAN AIRLINE SYSTEM WILL EXPAND ROUTES TO COVER SEVERAL EUROPEAN/MF CITIES, MAS COMPANY OFFICIAL SAYS (AP, NYT).

6. JAPAN

MIKI APPOINTS NEW CABINET/TOP LDP LEADERSHIP, IN EFFORT UNCLASSIFIED

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PUSH KEY BILLS THRU DIET. NEW 21-MEMBER CABINET INCLUDES 7 HOLDOVERS INCLUDING FUKUDA, OHIRA. COMPROMISE INVOLVED IN CHOICE NEW LDP SECY UCHIDA (WP). NEW GOVT NOT EXPECTED LAST OVER 3 MOS -- LONG ENOUGH PUSH KEY ECON BILLS THRU DIET SPECIAL SESSION CONVENING 9/16. MIKI THEN EXPECTED DISSOLVE DIET, CALL GENL ELECTIONS BY YR'S END (WSJ). NYT SPEC SAYS MIKI TRIES BRACE ERODING POL POSITION WITH NEW CABINET. NOTES NEW LDP SECY UCHIDA MEMBER ANTI-MIKI OHIRA FACTION, CABINET HAS 11 FROM ANTI-MIKI FACTIONS, 7 PRO-MIKI, 3 NEUTRALS CONSIDERED MIKI ALLIES. ADDS FONMIN MIYAZAWA DROPPED, REPLACED BY KOSAKA, WHO WAS FONMIN 1960-62. SHIINA REFUSAL RESIGN AS LDP V-P MAY BE INDICATION INTENTION RENEW FIGHT AT OCT PARTY CONVENTION TO FORCE MIKI RESIGN.

CULLISON (JOC) SEES CABINET SHAKEUP TEMPORARILY ENDING SERIOUS THREAT TO LDP. SAYS MIKI HAS SOMEHOW MANAGED PAPER-OVER FACTIONAL CRACKS. BELIEVES LOCKHEED INVESTIGATION WILL CONTINUE. REUTER TOKYO QUOTES MIKI THAT UNRAVELLING LOCKHEED SCANDAL WILL BE ONE OF DIET'S 3 MAIN TASKS; NEW DIET SESSION WILL LAST 50 DAYS.

JAMESON (LAT 9/15) DESCRIBES ACRIMINIOUS LDP CAUCUS.
QUOTES OPPONENTS THAT OCT PARTY MTG WILL BE NEXT FOCAL
POINT OF REBELLION AGAINST MIKI.

GRUMMAN DENIES ANY SENIOR OFFICIALS ASKED IN 1972 MAKE
MILLION-DOL CONTRIBUTION TO NIXON CAMPAIGN (UPI, NYDN).
FORMER NIXON AIDE DENIES HE SOLICITED MILLION-DOL
CONTRIBUTION IN CONNECTION WITH GOVT AID IN SELLING
MIL PLANES TO JAPAN (OBERDORFER, WP). JAPAN MAY ALTER
PLANS BUY AEW PLANES DUE ALLEGED INCIDENT INVOLVING
GRUMMAN (CULLISON).

MOSCOW AGAIN BLASTS JAPAN OVER MIG-25 INCIDENT,
CALLS IT "UNFRIENDLY ACT" (WP), SAYS GOJ VIOLATES
INTL LAW. ADDS NEWS THAT US TRANSPORT WILL BE USED
CARRY MIG TO MIL BASE FOR "CAREFUL STUDY" ACCOMPANIED
BY REPORTS US "TAKING GREAT INTEREST" IN PLANE (UPI, NYT).
MIDDLETON (NYT) REPORTS MIG'S EASY PENETRATION JAPAN
AIR SPACE BRINGS HOME TO GOJ AIR DEFENSES LOOPHOLES,
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FACT RADAR SYSTEM OBSOLETE. ADDS INITIAL ANALYSIS OF
MIG CONCENTRATES ON AVIONICS, METAL USED FOR FUSELAGE,
WINGS.

USSR WARNS GOJ THAT IF IT PURSUES CLAIMS TO 4 KURILE
ISLANDS COULD ONLY POISON RELS (REUTER, WP).

US-JAPAN TRADE COUNCIL PLACES AD IN WSJ ASKING ALL TAKE
NOTE FACT DOJ FILED COMPLAINT ON FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRA-
TION ACT. REPORTS CONSENT DECREE ENTERED INTO, WITHOUT
ADMITTING/DENYING ALLEGATIONS, WITH AMENDED REGISTRATION
DOCUMENTS FILED WITH DOJ.

JAPAN ECON PLANNING AGENCY SAYS ECONOMY MOVING STEADILY
FROM RECENT RECESSION, WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT LETUP LIKELY
OCCUR, BUT CAREFUL WATCH MUST BE KEPT ON INFLATION
RATES (JOC). MITI PLANS SEND MISSION CANADA TO DISCUSS
POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION TO INCREASE PRODUCTION URANIUM
ORE (CULLISON, JOC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. INDOCHINA

SUN BELIEVES SHIFT IN RATIONALE FOR KEEPING VN OUT OF
UN PROBABLY MOVED FORWARD ITS ADMISSION: LAST YR US
VETOED MEMBERSHIP BY LINKING WITH ADMISSION SK; THIS
YR VN VETOED DUE MIA ISSUE. OPINES LAST YR'S POSITION
HAD SOLID PRECEDENTS IN UN POLITICS, WHILE THIS YR'S
DEMAND CAN EASILY BE MET AND SO CLEAR OBSTACLES TO
VN'S ENTRY. BELIEVES MIA INFO IS LAST REMAINING LEVERAGE

VN HAS ON US POLICY. RECOMMENDS WAY FORWARD TO NEW US-VN RELATIONSHIP MUST BEGIN WITH UNILATERAL PROVISION ALL MIA INFO BY VN; THINKS DISCUSSION OF AID MUST FLOW FROM NEW RELATIONSHIP. ADVOCATES UNIVERSALITY PRINCIPLE AS ONLY INTELLIGIBLE ONE FOR UN -- SO VN, SK BELONG IN.

WSJ BELIEVES WHETHER OR NOT US SOFTENS ON UN ADMISSION QUESTION FOR VN AFTER NOV ELECTION WILL DEPEND ON VN WILLINGNESS REVEAL ALL MIA INFO. THINKS HANOI'S LONG-RANGE PURPOSES NOT SO MUCH CYNICAL AS MATERIALISTIC, UNCLASSIFIED

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SINCE WANTS AID. OPINES HANOI ABSOLVED US OF AID COMMITMENT WHEN OVERRAN SVN. SERIOUSLY DOUBTS MANY US TAXPAYERS PERSUADED WE OWE REPARATIONS TO VN FOR DAMAGE THAT RESULTED FROM AGGRESSION. CONCERNING UN MEMBERSHIP, SEES NO GOOD REASON PROSCRIBE ANY NATION, BUT WASHINGTON SHOULD INSIST ON QUID PRO QUO.

CSM SAYS POSTPONEMENT VOTE ON VN ADMISSION TO UN PROVIDES WELCOME CHANCE WEIGH CASE AGAIN. CONSIDERS ALTERNATIVES IF US DOES NOT VETO VN REQUEST IN NOV: ABSTENTION WOULD PERMIT VN ENTRY, MERITS CONSIDERATION. NOTES US OBJECTIONS ARE BASICALLY BILATERAL. THINKS TOO BAD IF MEMBERSHIP ISSUE OVERSHADOWS/PREVENTS OPENING BILATERAL TALKS. STATES POSTPONEMENT PROVIDES COOLING-OFF PERIOD THAT SHOULD BE UTILIZED TO UTMOST. ADVOCATES UNIVERSALITY UN MEMBERSHIP; RECOMMENDS US WORK ON BILATERAL PROBLEMS WITH VN ASAP.

8. PHILIPPINES

REUTER'S BICKLER, IN MANILA, REPORTS GOP HOLDING OCT 16 REFERENDUM ON LIFTING EMERGENCY RULE, BUT SAYS NO ONE EXPECTS QUICK RETURN DEMOCRACY. FILIPINOS EXPECTED PLUMP FOR CONTINUED MARTIAL LAW, WITH POSSIBLE MOVES TO MAKE NEW ADVISORY LEGISLATIVE GROUP INTO FORERUNNER TO MORE PERMANENT BODY. REPORTS PEOPLE STILL FEAR LAWLESSNESS/PRIVATE POL ARMIES, DISILLUSIONED WITH OLD-TYPE CORRUPT POLITICS; MOST ACCEPT THAT MARTIAL RULE HAS BROUGHT LAW/ORDER. BICKLER SEES MARCOS' ANNOUNCED WILLINGNESS SHARE POWER WITH NEW ADVISORY BODY AS OBVIOUSLY MEANT SHOW HE'S TRYING MOVE AWAY FROM STRICT ONE-MAN RULE; BUT SAYS DETAILS OF DECREE ALSO INDICATE THAT FOR TIME BEING, AT LEAST, MARCOS INTENDS HOLD ONTO MAIN REINS POWER. NOTES MARCOS SAYS REFERENDUM WILL ALLOW PEOPLE EXPRESS VIEWS ON SUCCESSION OF POWER -- BUT NOT CLEAR HOW.

9. KOREA

READER WRITES TO WP ON PANMUNJOM INCIDENT, QUOTES EA'S

HUMMEL THAT US RESPONSE DEMONSTRATED WILLINGNESS, ABILITY
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COUNTER ANY THREAT IN AREA. SAYS UN SHOULD BE BUILT
UP TO COPE WITH SUCH INCIDENTS, SO REMOVING POTENTIAL
FOR ENLARGEMENT INTO WORLD CONFLICT.

10. JAPAN

SUN'S SEIDEN SEES MIKI CABINET RESHUFFLE AS INCONCLUSIVE
ATTEMPT RESTORE APPEARANCE UNTY TO LDP. REVIEWS SHIFTS,
CONSIDERED "MUSICAL CHAIRS" EXERCISE TO SAVE FACE
AFTER MONTHS OF FACTIONAL BICKERING.

KRAFT (SUN, WP) VIEWS MASSIVE IMPACT LOCKHEED SCANDAL
ON JAPANESE POLITICS, WITH SYSTEM CRUMBLING BUT NO
INDICATION WHAT WILL EMERGE. NOTES LDP DECLINE,
FRAGMENTED OPPOSITION. MENTIONS IMPORTANCE OF FACTIONS
IN LDP, WITH SYSTEM SMOOTHLY MANAGED UNTIL TANAKA
BECAME PM. BELIEVES MIKI WILL SPLIT LDP AT SOME
JUNCTURE, WITH HIS DEPARTURE PUTTING PARTY INTO MINORITY,
PRECIPITATE LDP FACTIONS' WOOING OF OPPOSITION GROUPS
THAT MIGHT BRING MULTI-PARTY POLITICS TO JAPAN. SEES
HAPPY OUTCOME IN LONG RUN WITH DIRTY, CLOSED LDP
POLITICS "CLEANSED," OPPOSITION PARTIES SOBERED,
ALIENATED WORKERS/INTELLECTUALS REGAINING VOICE,
POSSIBLE EMERGENCE NEW MASS CENTER PARTY TO ACCOMMODATE
DIVERSE INTERESTS VARIED POPULATION IN DEMOCRATIC WAT.

ROWEN (WP) EXAMINES REMARKABLE ECON RECOVERY, BUT FINDS
PERVASIVE SENSE UNEASE ABOUT FUTURE. MENTIONS RESENTMENT
AT SUGGESTION YEN'S VALUE BEING MANIPULATED, REALIZATION
THAT EXPORTS CAN BE SUSTAINED ONLY AT RISK PROVOKING
ANTI-JAPANESE SENTIMENT, BUT SURPLUSES NEEDED TO COVER
DEFICIT WITH ME; GROWING LOCKHEED SCANDAL; DOUBTS
ABOUT JAPAN'S ECON FUTURE BY INTELLECTUALS, WHO QUESTION
GROWTH PRIORITY.

BALTO N-A (9/15) SEES LUCKY BREAK IN ACQUISITION MIG-25
FOR STUDY, BUT DEPRESSED TO REALIZE RUSSIAN PLANE
- FAR SUPERIOR TO OURS. WILLIS (CSM) REPORTS JAPANESE
STUDY OF MIG JARS DETENTE, IS INDICATION OF HOW MUCH
USSR UPSET BY AFFAIR. QUOTES ANALYSTS THAT MOSCOW'S
HARSH CRITICISM INTENDED PUSH JAPAN INTO GIVING PLANE
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BACK BEFORE CLOSE SCRUTINY BY EXPERTS. BELIEVES SOVIET
GAMBIT WILL FAIL.

11. CHINA

CHI S-T (9/13) ENDORSES FORD/CARTER FAILURE DEBATE CHINA POLICY DURING CAMPAIGN. SAYS PRC ENTERING NEW ERA, ASIA IN PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY, NOTHING GAINED BY DISCUSSING GOALS/POLICY APPROACHES THAT DEPEND SO MUCH ON FUTURE EVENTS BEYOND US INFLUENCE. MAINTAINS THAT ACHIEVING KIND OF ASIAN STABILITY THAT BENEFITS EVERYONE WILL BE DIFFICULT ENOUGH AMID UNCERTAINTY WITHOUT UNNECESSARY CAMPAIGN ORATORY. WHATEVER ROC'S FUTURE, NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY MAKING IT PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN ISSUE -- AS REPUBLICANS SO IRRESPONSIBLY DID BY ADOPTING CONVENTION PLATFORM PLANK URGING US DEFENSE OF TAIWAN.

GEO WILL (WP, SUN, PHINQ) VIEWS MAO AS "TERRIBLY FOOLISH" MAN WITH "CAPACITY FOR FIASCOES." CONTENTS PRC'S OBITUARY TREATMENT "WAS WHAT YOU WOULD EXPECT" FROM REGIME "CONTEMPLATING MAKING HIS CORPSE AN ICON TO RIVAL" LENIN.

TO SUN'S WU, IN HK, OF NUMEROUS PROBLEMS CONFRONTING POST-MAO LEADERSHIP, NONE MORE COLOSSAL THAN ECON ONE UPON WHICH HINGES DECLARED GOAL OF BUILDING MODERN/ POWERFUL SOCIALIST STATE AMONG FRONT RANKS OF WORLD BEFORE END OF CENTURY.

WP'S MATHEWS (HK) SAYS CCP'S RENEWED ATTACKS ON UNNAMED "CAPITALIST ROADERS," JUXTAPOSED/CONTRASTING WITH CALLS FOR PARTY UNITY/DISCIPLINE, INDICATE AMBIGUOUS COMPROMISE BETWEEN OPPOSING FACTIONS IN CHINESE LEADERSHIP IS BEING MAINTAINED AFTER MAO'S DEATH.

SAN FRAN CHRON (9/10) SALUTES MAO AS "OUTSIZE FIGURE OF OUR AGE"; PRC WILL BE PUT TO MAJOR TEST FINDING LEADER FROM NEW GENERATION TO REPLACE HIM.

TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S MUNRO, IN PEKING, SEES PEKING'S REJECTION OF SOVIET MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCES FOR MAO UNCLASSIFIED

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AS SIGNALING KREMLIN IT CANNOT EXPECT ANY SOFTENING IN PRC ANTI-SOVIET STAND NOW THAT MAO NO LONGER ON SCENE (CSM).

FAIRBANK (GLOBE 9/15) DESCRIBES MAO AS NOT ONLY LEADER OF NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION IN CHINESE SOCIETY, BUT ALSO PATRIOT CONCERNED ABOUT COUNTRY'S FATE LONG BEFORE BECOMING COMMUNIST.

GLOBE'S DIETZ OBSERVES THAT ONE FEAR OF US BUSINESSMEN IN WAKE OF MAO'S DEATH IS THAT POL UNREST WILL TORPEDO SMALL BUT POTENTIALLY LUCRATIVE PRC TRADE. REPORTS FEELING OF CHINA-TRADERS JULIAN/LEE SOBIN ABOUT

UNCERTAINTIES.

COLUMBIA U CHINESE HISTORY PROF WILBUR (GLOBE 9/15)
DECLARES IF PEKING'S PRICE FOR "NORMALIZATION" IS THAT
US GIVE UP DIPLO RELS WITH ROC, PRICE IS TOO HIGH.
SAYS US CAN WAIT. MUCH BETTER IS "GERMAN FORMULA"
-- ONE NATION WITH TWO INDEPENDENT GOVTS -- REALITY,
INCIDENTALLY, WHICH PRC ACKNOWLEDGES IN GERMANY. ROBINSON

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